

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-30 were pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 16-18, 20, 22, 25, and 28-30 have been amended. Claims 1, 5, 15, and 19 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 2-4, 6-14, 17, 18, and 20-30 remain pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10-13, 15, 17, 22, 24-27, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,740,532 to Fernandez, *et al.* (hereinafter "Fernandez").

Claims 9, 14, 23 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fernandez, in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,889 to Boltz, *et al.* (hereinafter "Boltz").

Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, and 21 are objected to but include allowable subject matter.

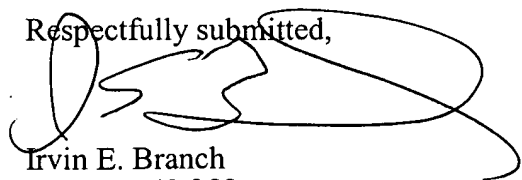
All claims have been amended to include subject matter identified in the office action as allowable. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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